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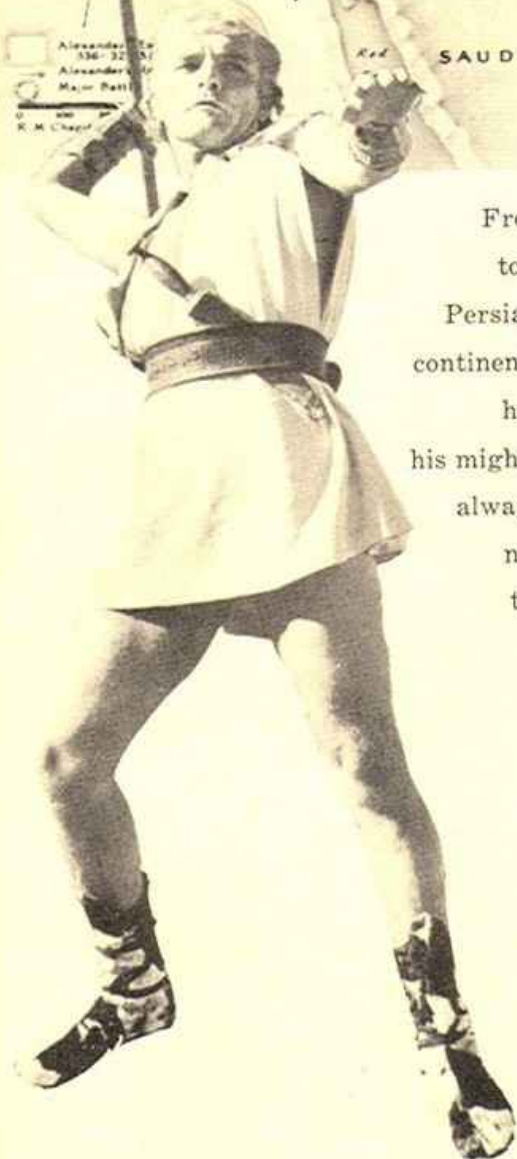
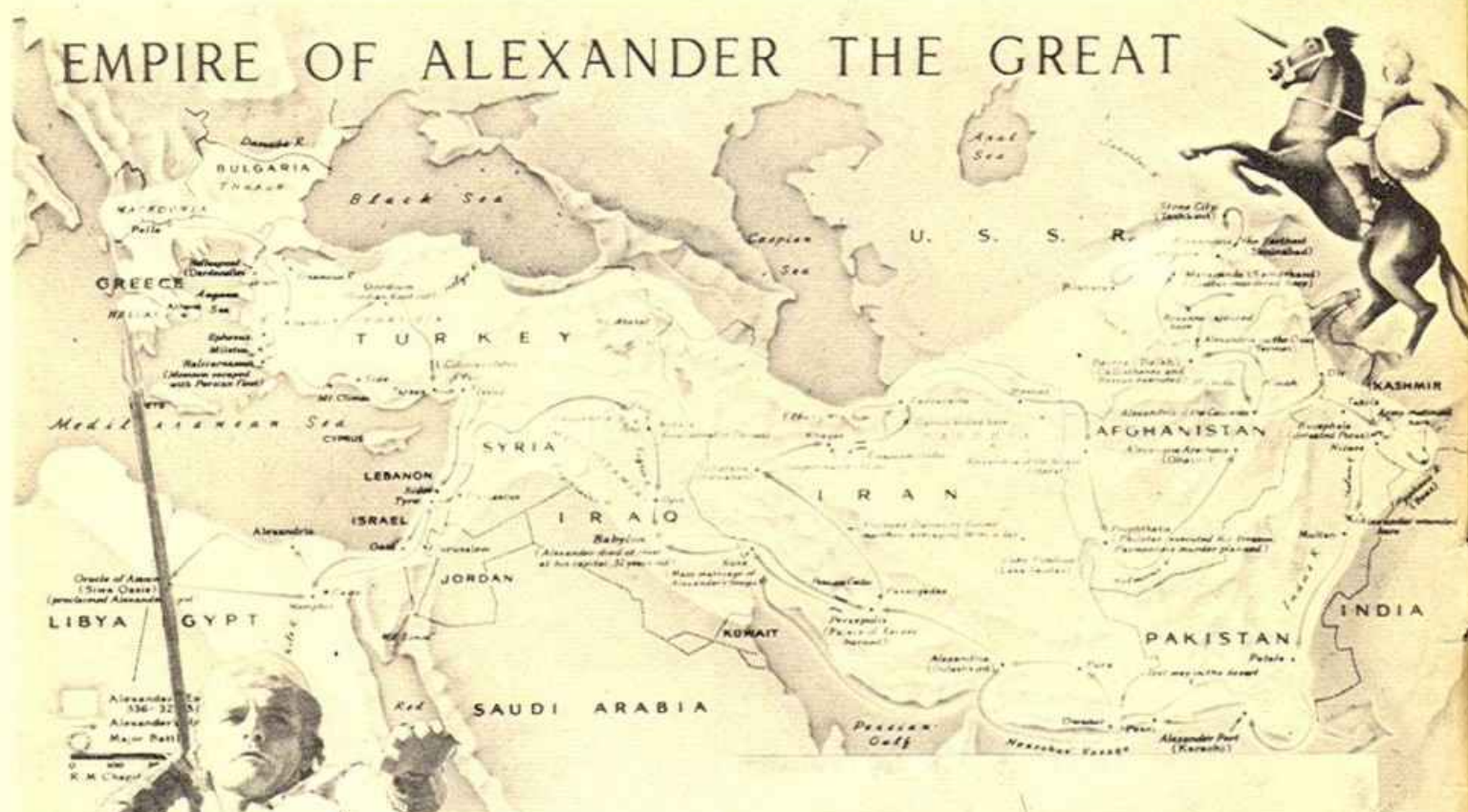


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# EMPIRE OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT



From Greece  
to powerful  
Persia, across a  
continent to India,  
he marched  
his mighty armies,  
always seeking  
new worlds  
to conquer.



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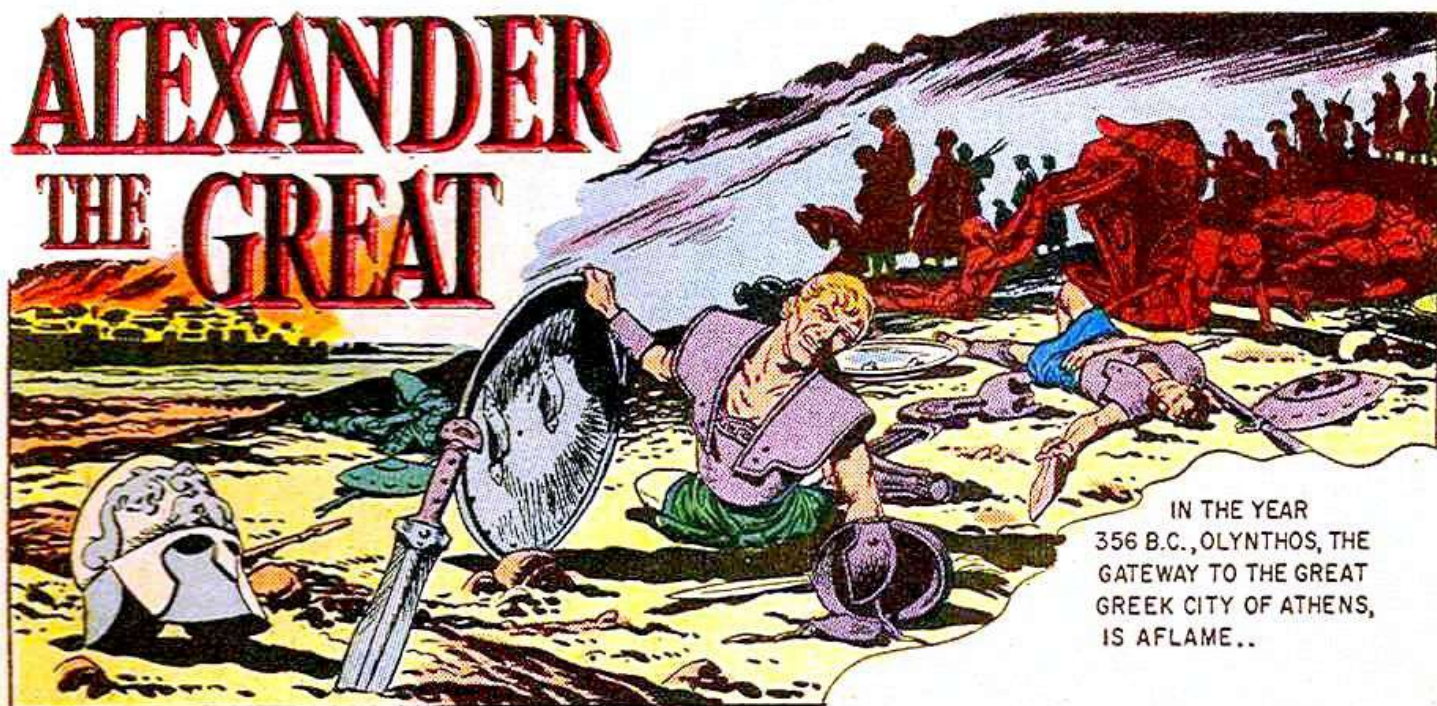
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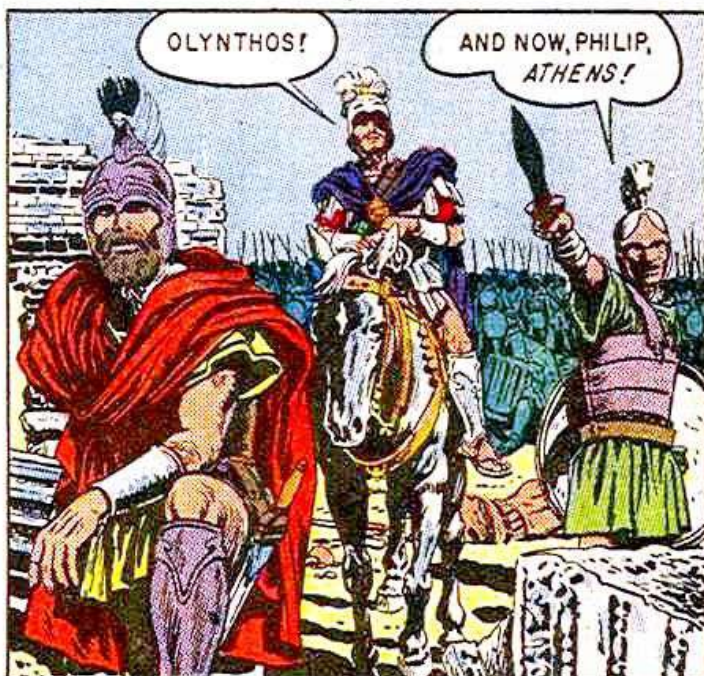
# ALEXANDER THE GREAT



IN THE YEAR  
356 B.C., OLYNTHOS, THE  
GATEWAY TO THE GREAT  
GREEK CITY OF ATHENS,  
IS AFLAME..



RUN! FLEE! THE — —  
MACEDONIAN BARBARIANS  
COME!



OLYNTHOS!

AND NOW, PHILIP,  
ATHENS!



ATHENIANS! WE FOUND  
THEM IN THE CITY!

FREE THEM!



FREE THEM! FOR URGING THE OLYNTHIANS TO FIGHT US?  
PUT THEM TO THE SWORD AS A  
WARNING TO ALL THE REST OF  
GREECE! THEN NO ONE WILL  
DARE OPPOSE YOU, PHILIP!

ATTALUS, THEY CAN  
DO US NO HARM NOW!  
SET THEM  
FREE!



EVER SINCE WE LEFT MACEDONIA, OUR GOAL HAS BEEN *ATHENS!* BUT NOW, YOU HESITATE --- *WHY?* ONCE WORD REACHES ATHENS OF OUR VICTORY HERE, THERE'LL BE AN ATHENIAN BEHIND EVERY ROCK IN THAT PASS!



OR DO YOU LOVE *ATHENIAN* LIVES MORE THAN OURS?

FOR WHAT YOU'VE JUST SAID TO PHILIP, I'LL...



PUT UP YOUR SWORD, PARMENIO! --- THE ATHENIANS ARE RIGHT! YOU'RE STILL *BARBARIANS!* YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE I STOPPED YOU FROM FIGHTING OVER A ROCKY PIECE OF LAND ON WHICH TO HERD YOUR SWINE!



I STILL SAY *MARCH ON ATHENS!*

THAT'S WHAT DEMOSTHENES, THEIR GREAT ORATOR, WANTS! ONCE WE START FOR ATHENS, *EVERY* GREEK WILL DEFEND IT! ATHENS IS NOT A CITY --- IT'S AN IDEA! LET THEM WAIT BY THE PASS TILL THEY ROT! WHEN *WE* MARCH INTO ATHENS, WE'LL BE *WELCOMED AS HEROES!*



FROM MACEDONIA --- A MESSAGE FOR THE KING!

THE QUEEN'S SEAL IS ON IT, PHILIP!



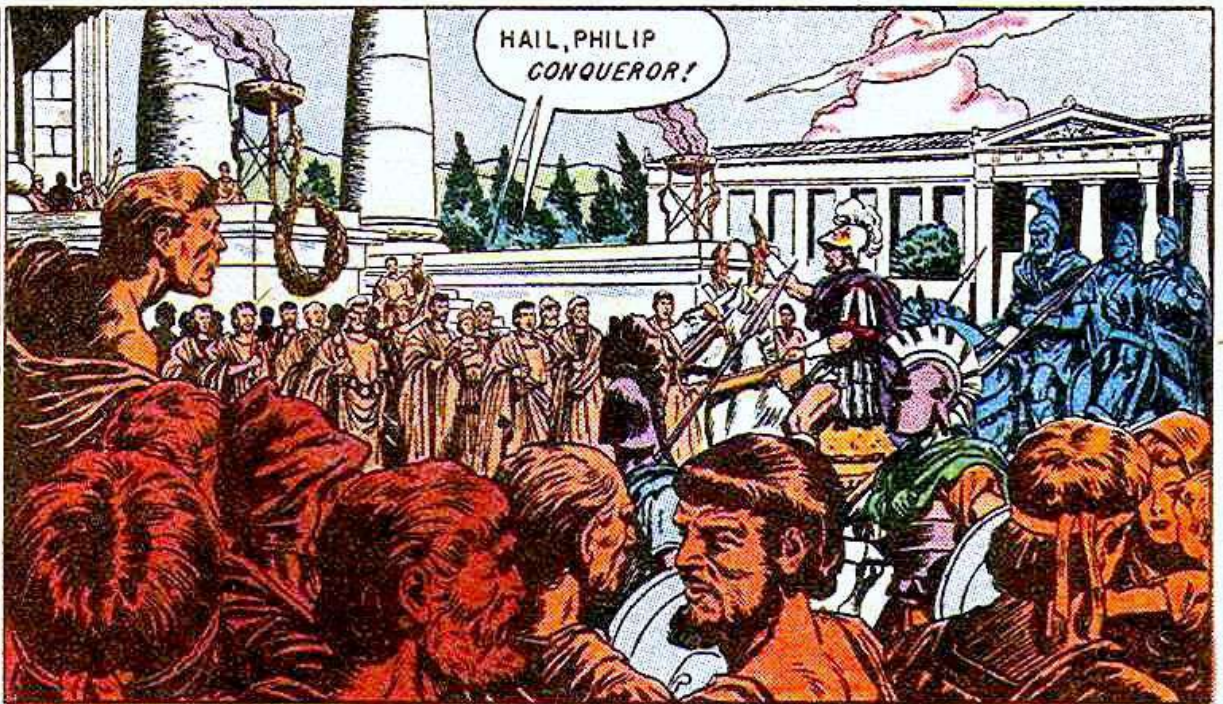
"TO PHILIP, HAIL AND REJOICE! ON THIS DAY TO OLYMPIAS, YOUR QUEEN AND WIFE, A *GOD* WAS BORN! YOUR SON IS NAMED *ALEXANDER!*"

BORN ON THE DAY OF VICTORY! IT'S A SIGN --- YOUR SON, ALEXANDER, WILL ALWAYS BE *VICTORIOUS!*

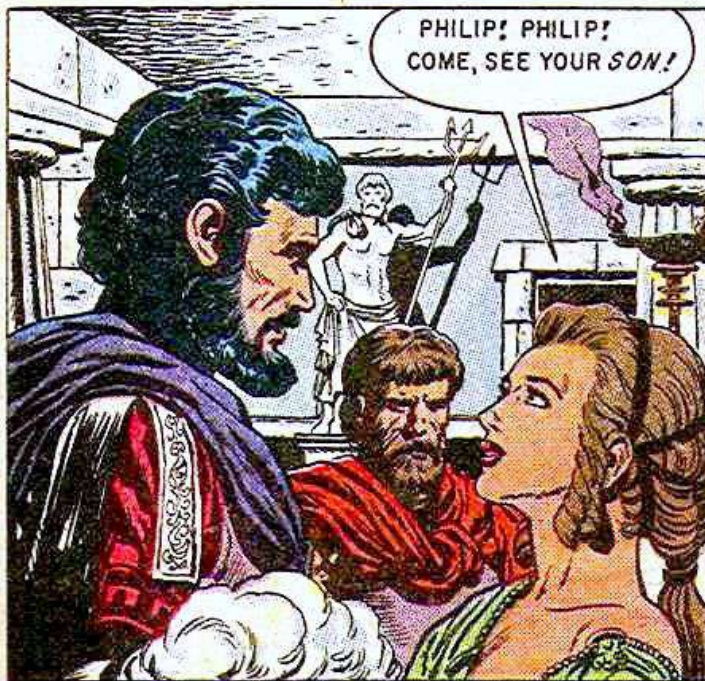




LATER, THROUGH THE STREETS OF PELLA, CAPITAL OF MACEDONIA, PHILIP'S PROUD ARMY MARCHES UNDER THE GAZE OF OLYMPIAS...



HAIL, PHILIP CONQUEROR!



PHILIP! PHILIP! COME, SEE YOUR SON!



HE HAS YOUR LOOKS, PHILIP! YOUR HAIR, YOUR EYES — — —

— — — YOUR CHIN!



STRONG, TOO! THAT GRIP WAS MADE FOR THE SHAFT OF A SPEAR!

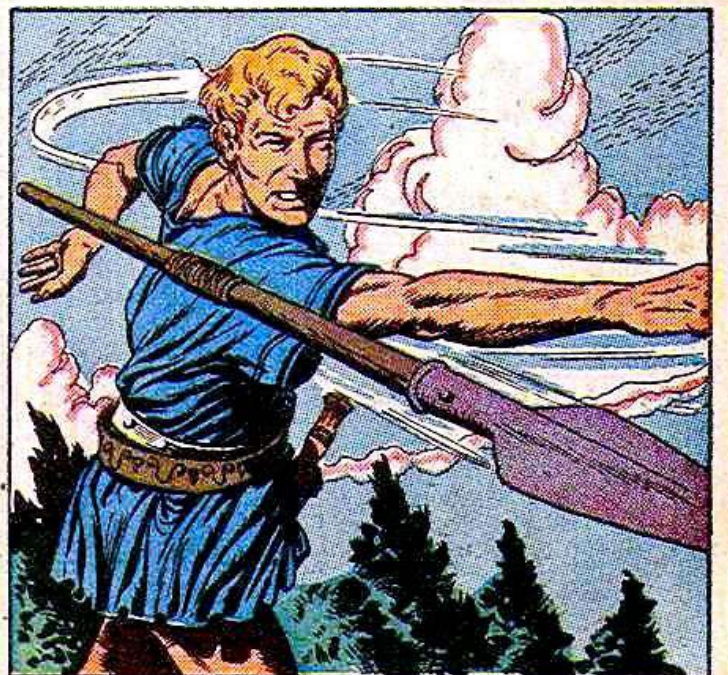
ALEXANDER — — —  
ALEXANDER OF MACEDONIA — — —  
ALEXANDER OF GREECE — — —  
LITTLE LION!



LITTLE GOD! LISTEN TO WHAT NECTENABUS, OUR EGYPTIAN SOOTHSAYER, FORESEES FOR HIM!

THERE WERE SIGNS OF GREATNESS AT HIS BIRTH! QUAKES AND STORMS SHOOK THE EARTH! IN ASIA, THE TEMPLE OF EPHEBUS WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING! TWO EAGLES PERCHED ON THE ROOF OF THE QUEEN'S CHAMBER! ALEXANDER WAS BORN TO RULE TWO WORLDS — — — GREECE AND ASIA!





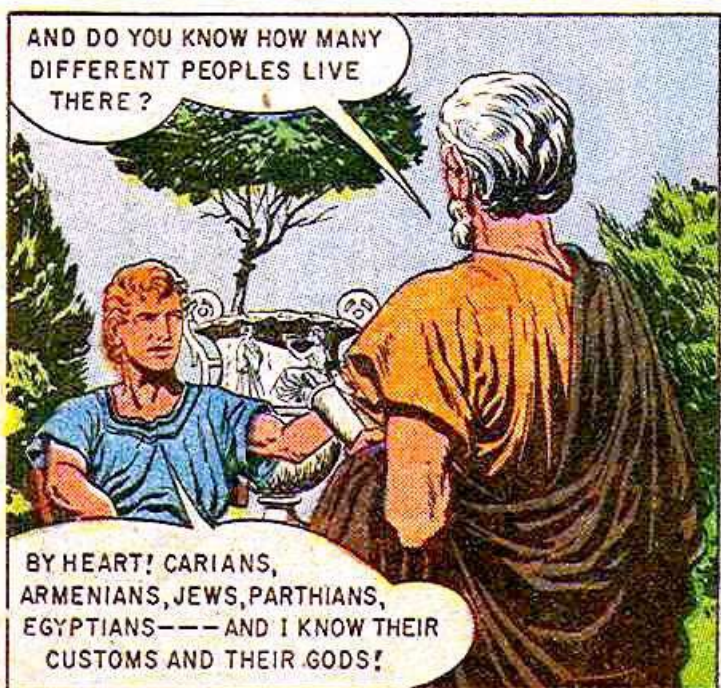




RIDING BACK FROM THE HILLS, ALEXANDER AND HIS COMPANIONS RETURN TO THE ROYAL SCHOOL AT MIETZA, WHERE PHILIP HAS BROUGHT THE GREAT PHILOSOPHER ARISTOTLE TO PREPARE ALEXANDER FOR RULING---



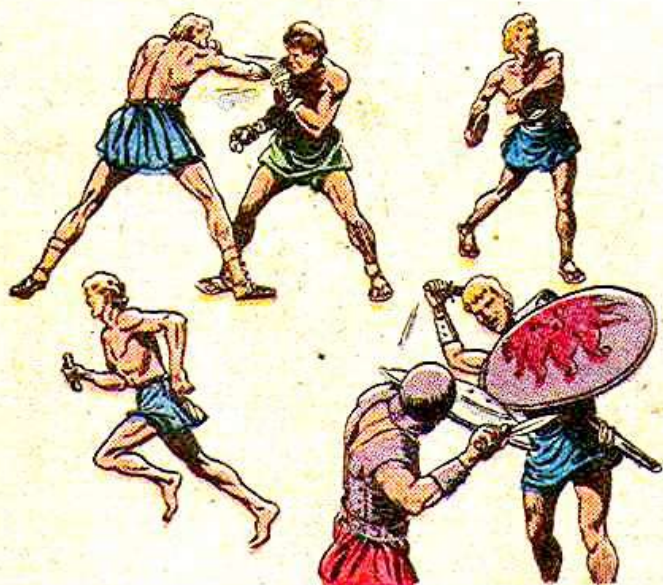








AND, AS ALEXANDER CONTINUES HIS TRAINING...



IN THE HILLS OF GREECE, THE MACEDONIAN ARMY FORAGES...





AND IN ATHENS, DEMOSTHENES AROUSES PHILIP'S FOES...

MEN OF ATHENS, FREE MEN  
HAVE FINALLY RISEN IN  
GREECE AND CALLED A  
HALT TO PHILIP'S TYRANNY!  
THE HUNTER HAS BECOME  
THE HUNTED!

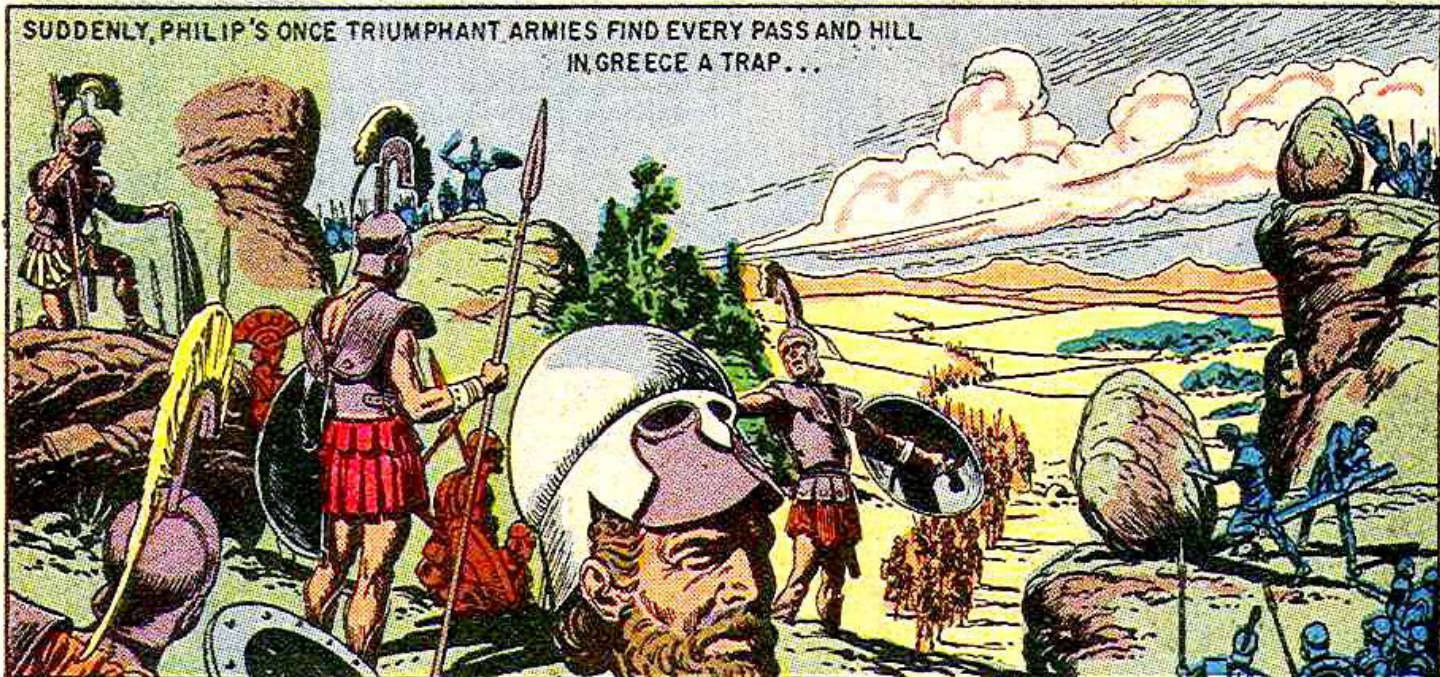


I MOVE FOR WAR---OPEN, DECLARED  
AND VICTORIOUS WAR AGAINST PHILIP!

WAR!  
WAR!



SUDDENLY, PHILIP'S ONCE TRIUMPHANT ARMIES FIND EVERY PASS AND HILL  
IN GREECE A TRAP...



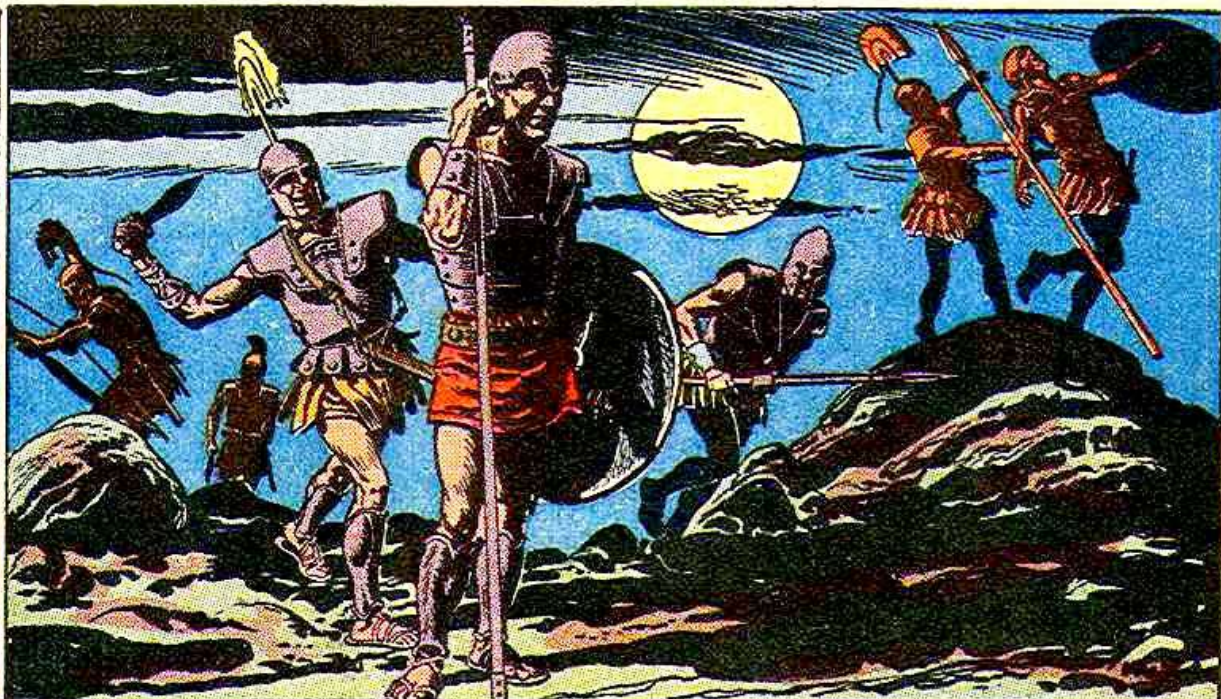
TURN!







HARRASSED BY  
DAY, THE ARMY  
OF MACEDONIAN  
INVADERS FINDS  
NO RELIEF AT  
NIGHT — —



GONE! LIKE  
JACKELS, PHILIP,  
THEY STRIKE  
AND SLINK OFF  
INTO THE DARK!



I COME FROM PELLA! GREETINGS FROM  
ANTIPATER, YOUR REGENT THERE!



TROOPS, WHAT  
DOES ANTIPATER  
SAY ABOUT  
SENDING US MORE  
TROOPS?

NOTHING! HE ASKS US  
TO SEND HIM TROOPS!



THERE IS TROUBLE AT THE CAPITAL! WITHOUT MY  
PRESENCE THERE, PETTY FEUDS HAVE BROKEN  
OUT IN MACEDONIA! WHILE WE FACE DEFEAT HERE  
IN GREECE, THERE IS DISUNITY AT HOME!



QUICKLY, PHILIP  
RIDES TO MIETZA.

WHEN YOU FIRST SENT ALEXANDER HERE,  
YOU SAID, "TEACH HIM WHAT I NEVER HAD  
TIME TO LEARN---HOW TO *RULE*!"

AND NOW, I HAVEN'T TIME TO WAIT!  
MEN I'VE EXILED HAVE COME BACK TO  
STIR UP TROUBLE! CITIES I'VE CONQUERED  
REBEL! PELLA NEEDS A *STRONGER* REGENT  
THAN ANTIPATER---ALEXANDER!

BUT TO PLACE SUCH RESPONSIBILITY  
ON HIS SHOULDERS! TO THRUST  
*MANHOOD* ON A BOY---

--- LOOK AT HIM,  
ARISTOTLE! HE *IS*  
A MAN!

ALEXANDER, THERE MUST BE  
LOYALTY HERE IN MACEDONIA  
TO THE CROWN--- TO THE  
HOUSE OF PHILIP! *CAN*  
YOU *RULE*?

I AM  
READY!

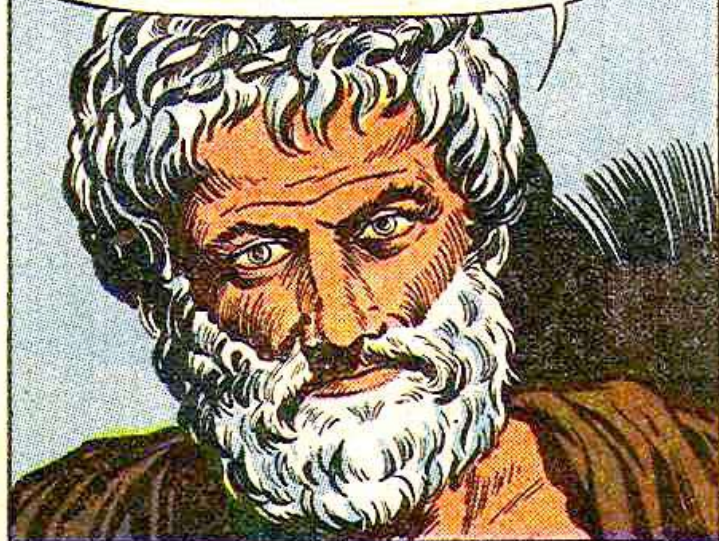
FAREWELL,  
ARISTOTLE!

WATCH HIM, PHILIP! ALEXANDER IS  
MANY THINGS! HE'S A LOGICIAN, HE'S  
A DREAMER...WARRIOR... POET!  
HE'S A MAN--- AND YET HE  
BELIEVES HIMSELF TO BE  
A GOD!

FATHER ZEUS, GIVE ME, THE SON  
OF EARTH AND HEAVEN, THE  
STRENGTH WHICH  
YOU DID PROMISE  
ME, WHEN, AT MY  
BIRTH IT WAS  
PRONOUNCED THAT  
I WAS A GOD!



WHEREVER YOU GO, ALEXANDER, REMEMBER YOUR DUTY! SINCE OURS, THE GREEK CULTURE, IS THE BEST, WE MUST BRING OUR WAY OF LIFE TO THE BARBARIC PERSIANS. THIS, AND NOT BOOTY, IS OUR MISSION IN ASIA!



TAKE THIS BOOK THAT YOU'VE LOVED AND LIVED BY---THE ILIAD! AND NEVER FORGET THE WORDS OF SOPHOCLES, "WONDERS ARE MANY---BUT NONE IS MORE WONDERFUL THAN MAN HIMSELF"! FAREWELL, ALEXANDER!



LATER, IN PELLA---

BY MY DIVINE RIGHT AS KING, I GIVE YOU, ALEXANDER OF MACEDONIA, THE SEAL OF REGENCY! YOU WILL RULE IN MY ABSENCE AS THOUGH YOU WERE KING!

HAIL ALEXANDER!



AND I ALSO GIVE YOU THIS ADVICE ---TRUST NO ONE AND LEARN TO LIVE ALONE!



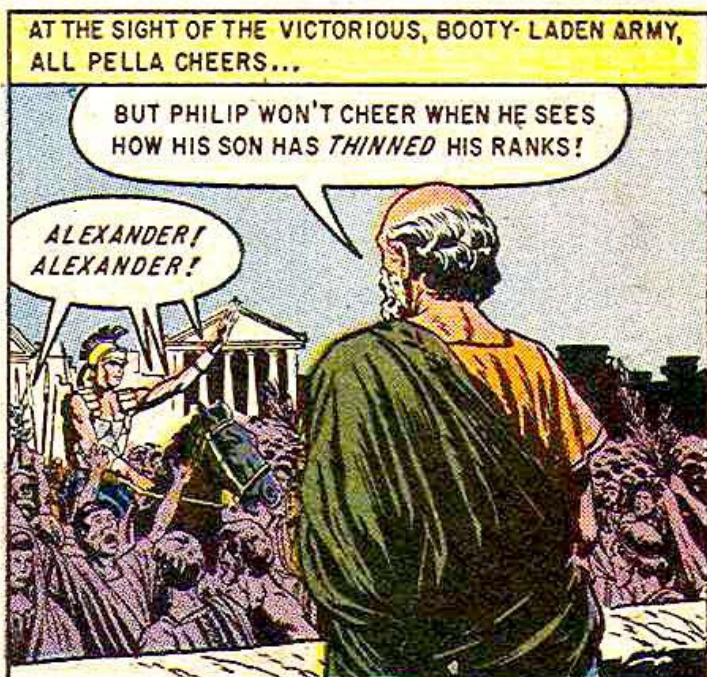
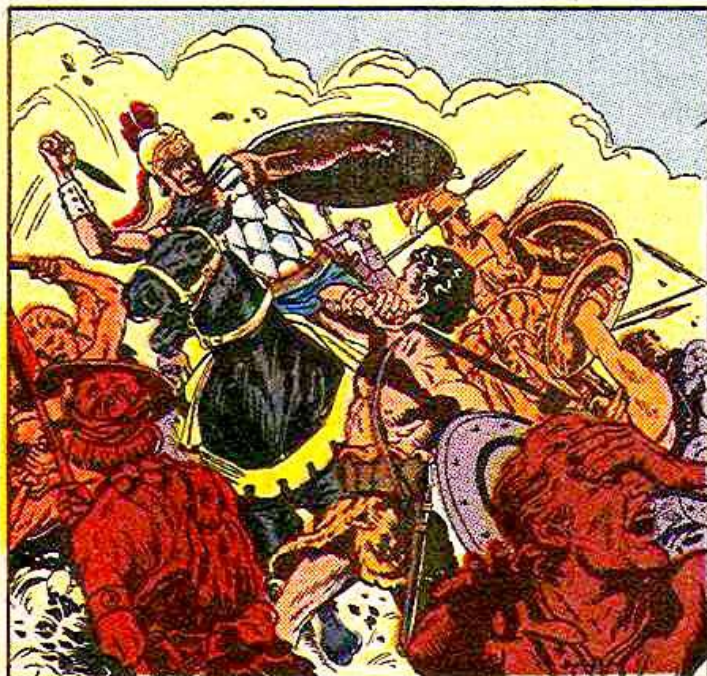
A FEW DAYS LATER...

WHERE DO YOU RIDE?  
THERE IS PEACE  
IN THE HILLS!

THE TRIBES  
REVOLTED  
ONCE AGAINST  
THE KING,  
ANTIPATER!  
THEY MUST BE  
PUNISHED!





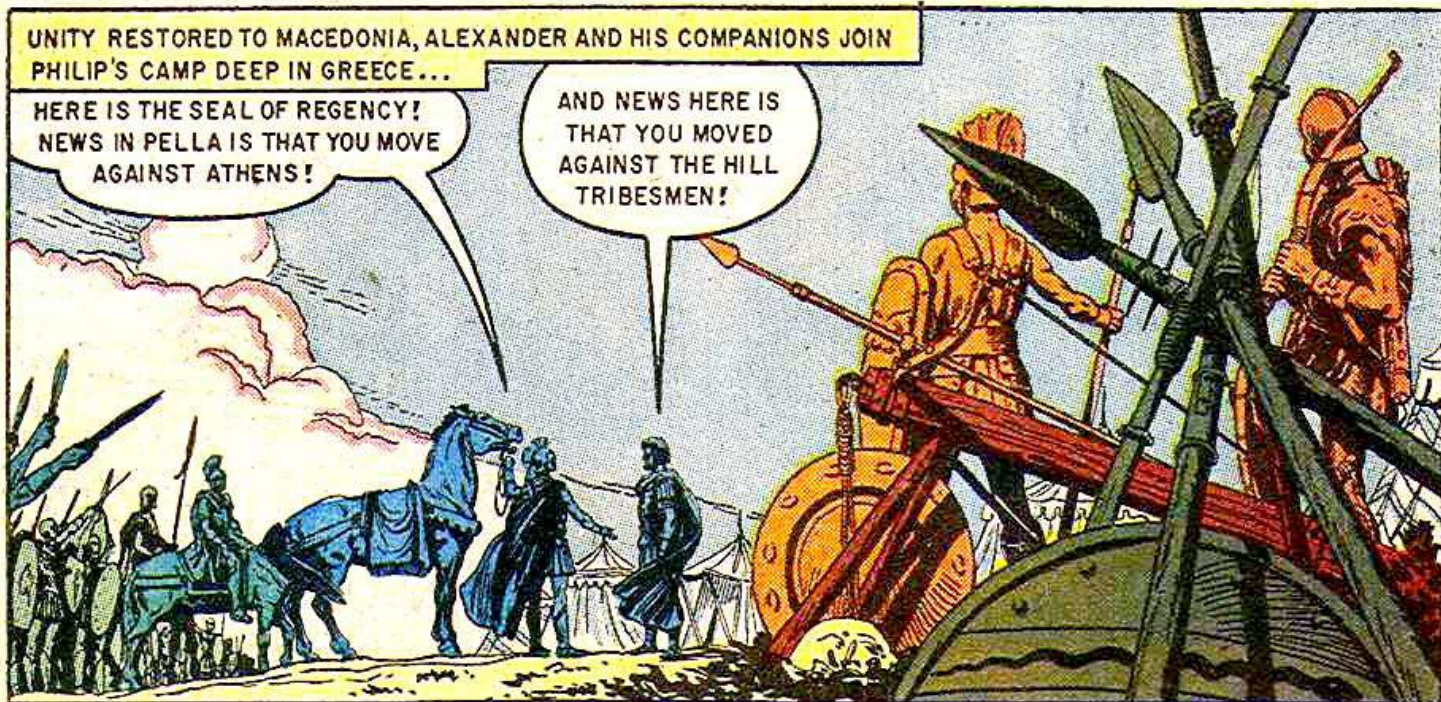




UNITY RESTORED TO MACEDONIA, ALEXANDER AND HIS COMPANIONS JOIN PHILIP'S CAMP DEEP IN GREECE...

HERE IS THE SEAL OF REGENCY!  
NEWS IN PELLA IS THAT YOU MOVE  
AGAINST ATHENS!

AND NEWS HERE IS  
THAT YOU MOVED  
AGAINST THE HILL  
TRIBESMEN!



I DID IT TO PROTECT  
YOUR REAR!

AT THE COST OF MANY  
BRAVE MEN I COULD  
HAVE USED AT THE  
FRONT!



BUT NO TROOPS ARE  
NEEDED IN PELLA  
ANY LONGER! I'VE  
BROUGHT YOU A  
WHOLE ARMY!

MAYBE YOU ARE RIGHT!  
I FORGIVE YOU FOR EVERY-  
THING BUT NAMING A CITY  
AFTER YOURSELF--- AT  
LEAST WAIT TILL I DIE!



TOMORROW, HERE AT CHERONEA, IF WE WIN, ALL GREECE  
IS MINE! AND WITH GREECE UNITED UNDER MY CONTROL  
WE CAN MARCH ON PERSIA!

WHO FACES YOU?



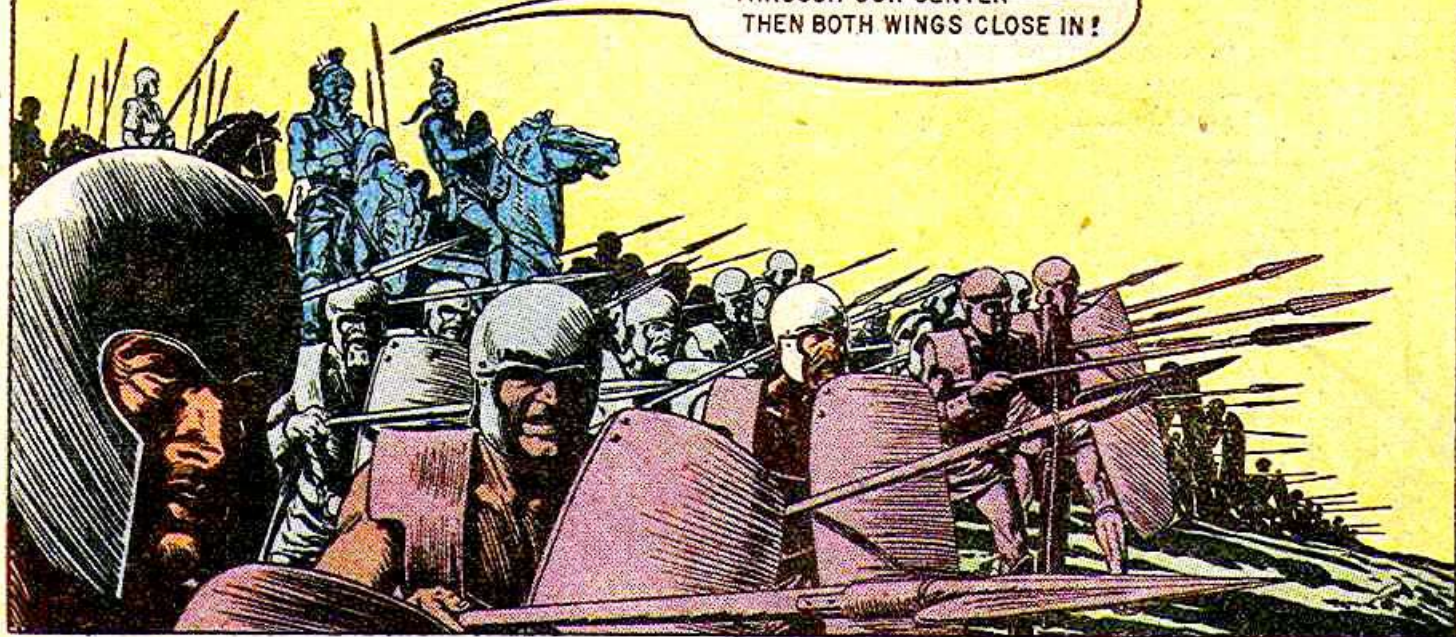
THE THEBANS AND THE ATHENIANS--- DETERMINED TO  
HOLD THE PASS AND KEEP US FROM ADVANCING INTO  
GREECE! BUT OUR MACEDONIAN PIKEMEN WILL PUSH  
THROUGH! I WILL COMMAND THE RIGHT WING! THE  
LEFT WING WILL BE LED BY YOU!





AT DAWN, THE ATHENIANS ADVANCE...

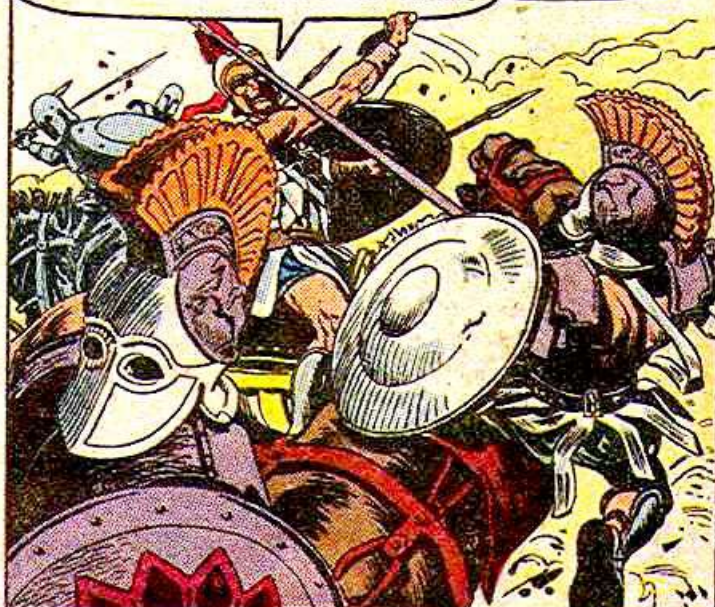
GIVE WAY! LET THEM PUSH  
THROUGH OUR CENTER——  
THEN BOTH WINGS CLOSE IN!



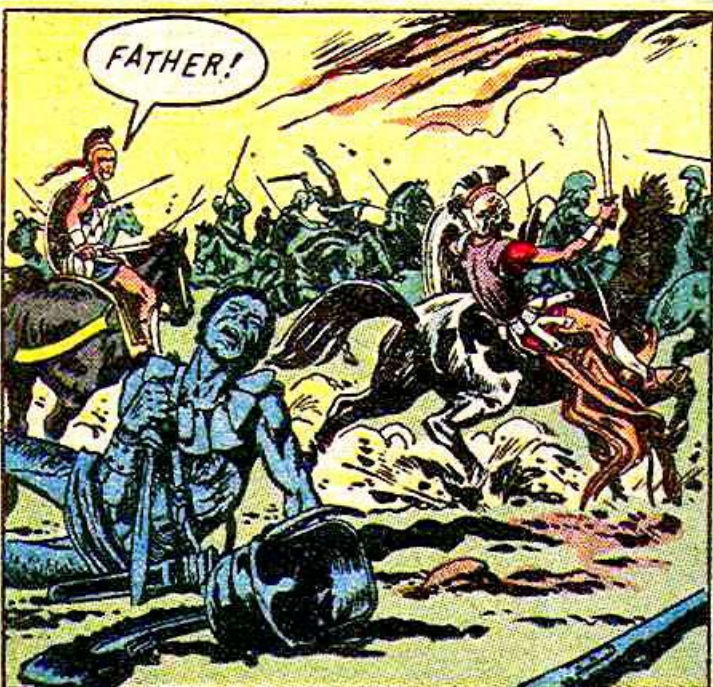
THE GREEKS, MEETING LITTLE RESISTANCE IN THE  
CENTER, SURGE FORWARD, AS SUDDENLY, THE TRAP  
IS SPRUNG——



COMPANIONS! THEY ARE CALLED THEBES' SACRED BAND!  
—— LET US DISBAND THEM!



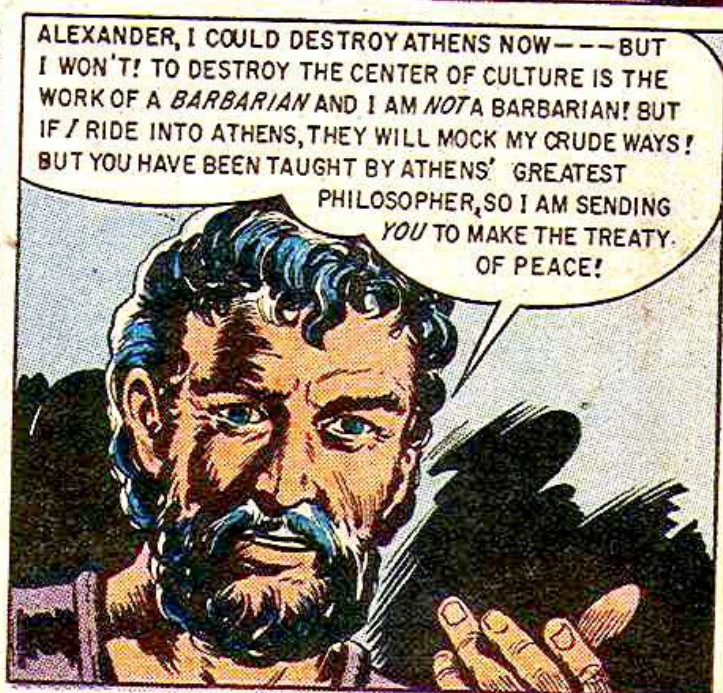
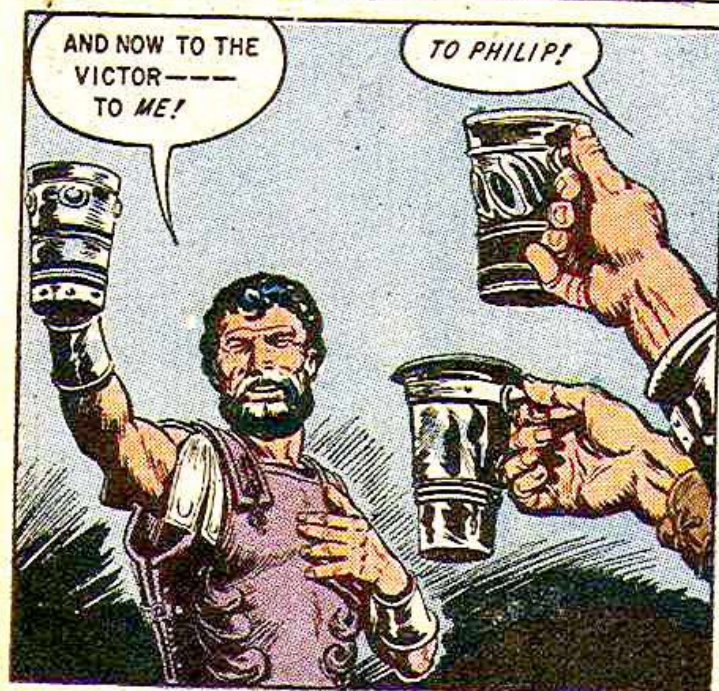
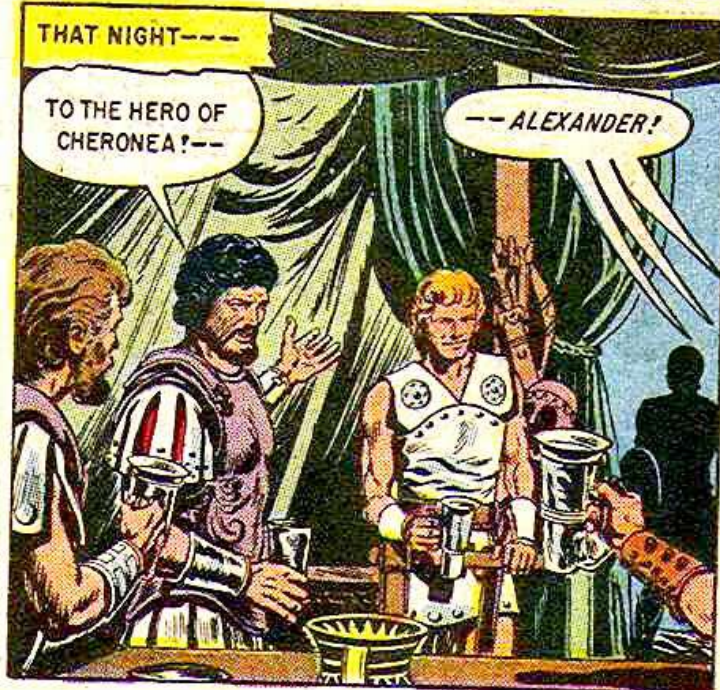
FATHER!









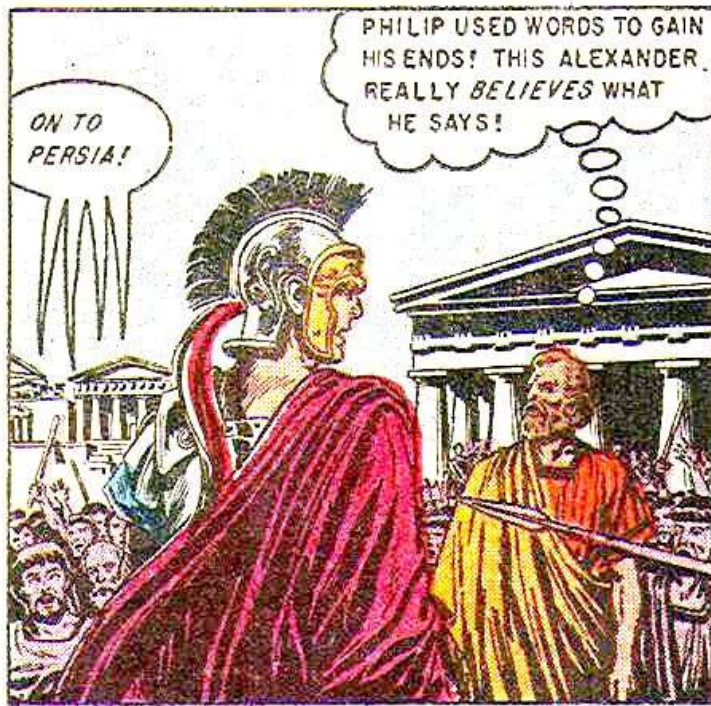




LATER, INTO ATHENS, ALEXANDER RIDES TRIUMPHANTLY...

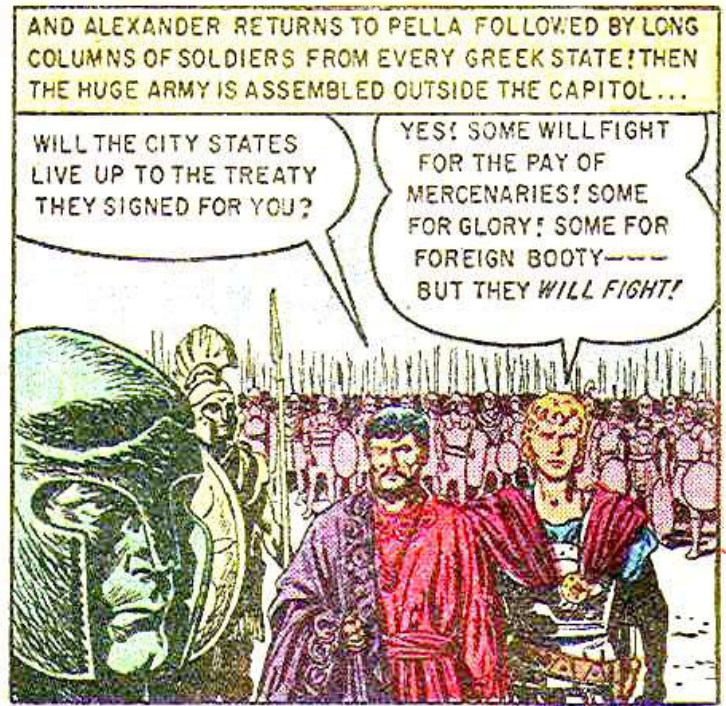






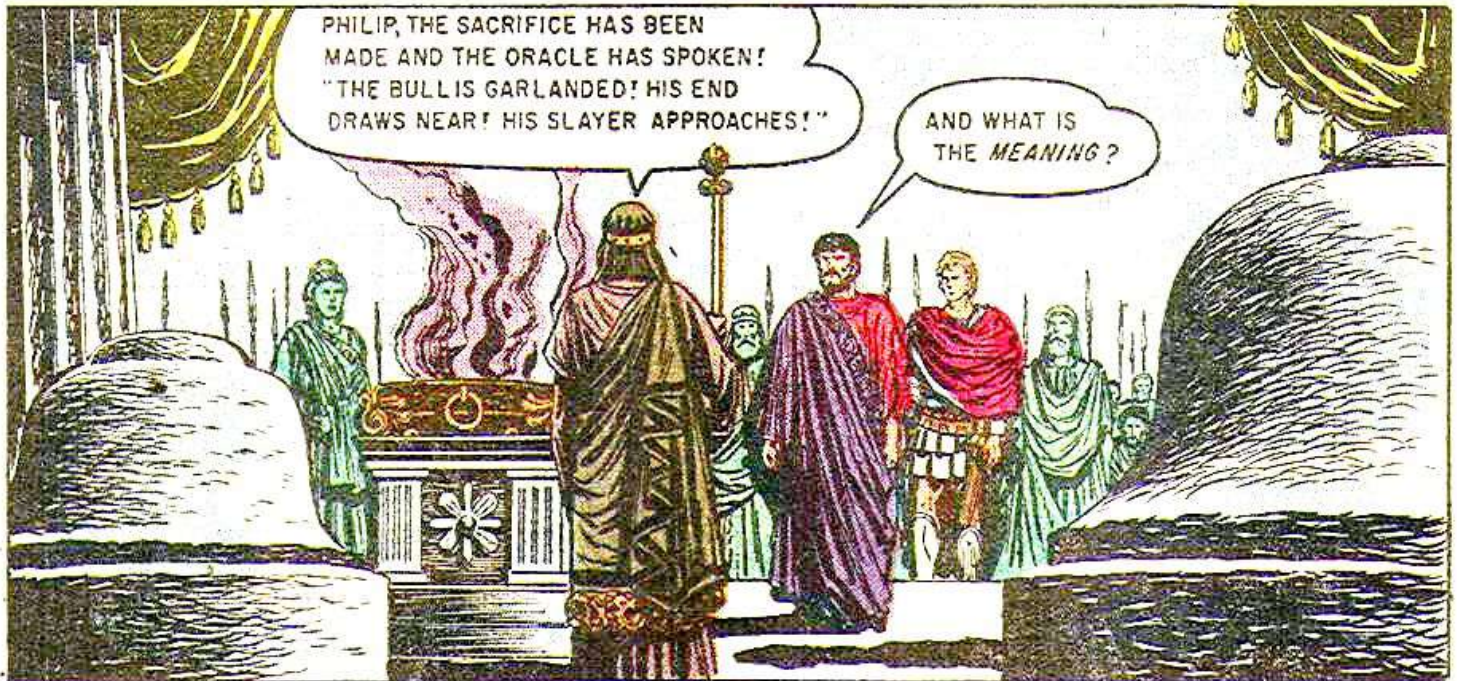
ON TO PERSIA!

PHILIP USED WORDS TO GAIN HIS ENDS! THIS ALEXANDER, REALLY BELIEVES WHAT HE SAYS!



WILL THE CITY STATES LIVE UP TO THE TREATY THEY SIGNED FOR YOU?

YES! SOME WILL FIGHT FOR THE PAY OF MERCENARIES! SOME FOR GLORY! SOME FOR FOREIGN BOOTY--- BUT THEY WILL FIGHT!



PHILIP, THE SACRIFICE HAS BEEN MADE AND THE ORACLE HAS SPOKEN! "THE BULL IS GARLANDED! HIS END DRAWS NEAR! HIS SLAYER APPROACHES!"

AND WHAT IS THE MEANING?



WHAT IS PAUSANIAS DOING HERE? PHILIP EXILED HIM FROM MACEDONIA FOR HIS DISLOYALTY!



THE MEANING IS THE BULL IS THE PERSIAN KING--- HIS END DRAWS NEAR!

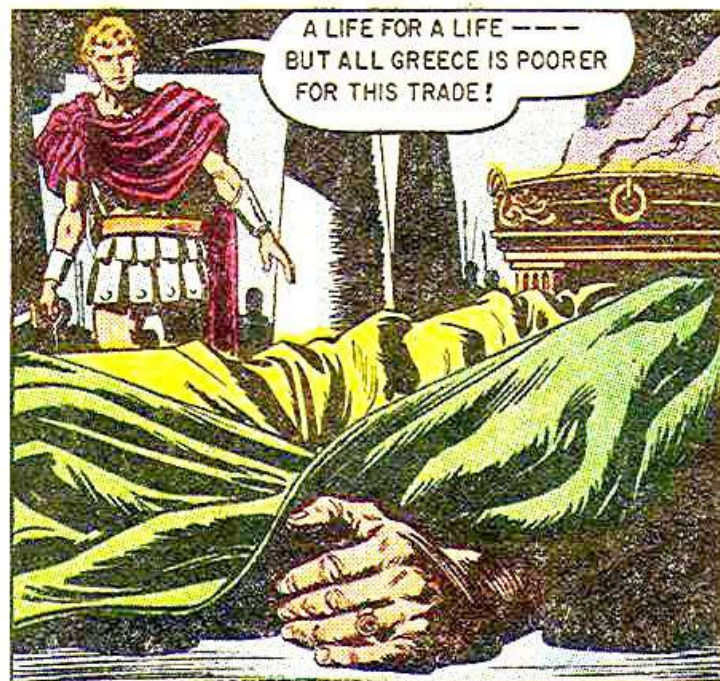
NO! THE BULL IS PHILIP--- HIS END IS HERE!





COMPANIONS!  
SLAY THE  
TRAITOR!

FATHER!



A LIFE FOR A LIFE ———  
BUT ALL GREECE IS POORER  
FOR THIS TRADE!

THEN SILENCE FALLS UPON THE HUGE ARMY AND  
ALEXANDER SUDDENLY REALIZES IT IS LEADERLESS...

SOLDIERS! YOU WERE ASSEMBLED BY YOUR KING TO BE  
LED TO A GREATER GLORY THAN ANY ARMY HAS EVER  
KNOWN ——— TO CONQUER PERSIA!



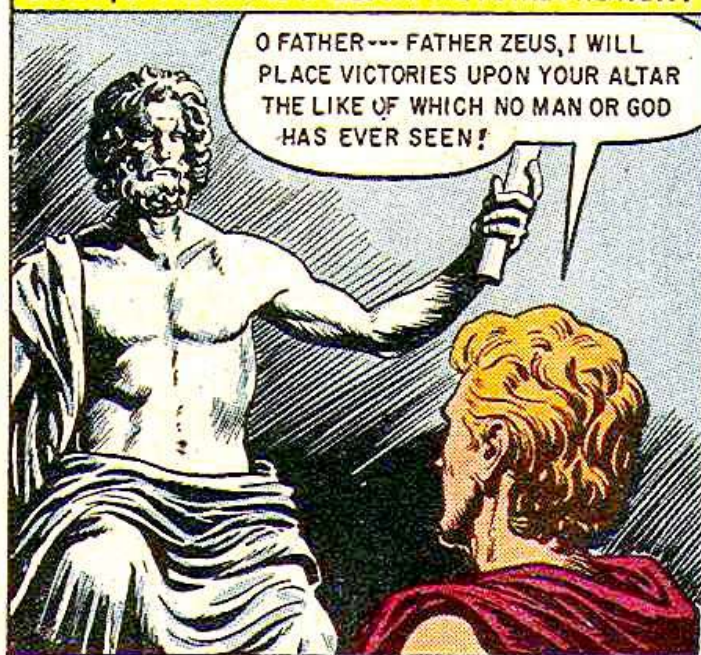
NOTHING HAS CHANGED BUT  
THE NAME OF THE KING!

KING!

ALEXANDER!



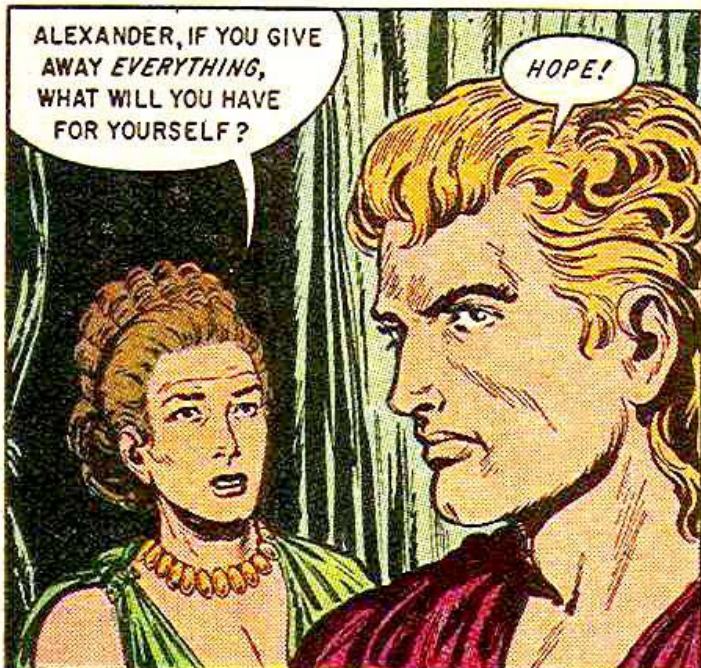
LATER, AT THE SHRINE OF ZEUS IN THE ROYAL PALACE...



O FATHER--- FATHER ZEUS, I WILL PLACE VICTORIES UPON YOUR ALTAR THE LIKE OF WHICH NO MAN OR GOD HAS EVER SEEN!



LISTEN TO ME, YOU WHO WILL REMAIN IN PELLA! --- ALL MY JEWELS, MY ROBES, MY WEALTH ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE WIDOWS OF OUR ARMY!



ALEXANDER, IF YOU GIVE AWAY *EVERYTHING*, WHAT WILL YOU HAVE FOR YOURSELF?

HOPE!



FAREWELL, MOTHER!

YOU, GOD, WHO GAVE HIM TO ME, DO NOT BREAK YOUR VOW! IF HIS LIFE IS TO BE SHORT, AS IN THE PROPHECY, IN THAT SHORT SPAN GIVE HIM *GLORY* FOR ALL TIME!

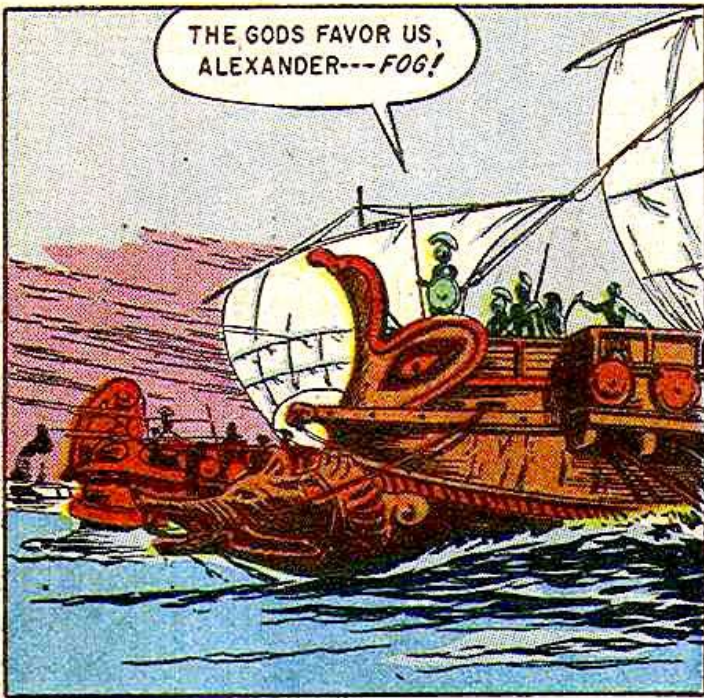
AND IN THE SPRING OF 334 B.C., ALEXANDER REACHES THE HELLESPONT, THE WATER THAT DIVIDES EUROPE FROM ASIA...



FROM HERE, A THOUSAND YEARS AGO, ACHILLES AND THE GREEKS CROSSED TO TROY TO WIN ONE WOMAN BACK---HELEN! BUT WE---WE CROSS TO WIN AN *EMPIRE*!



THE GODS FAVOR US,  
ALEXANDER--- FOG!



AND ON THE ASIAN BANK...



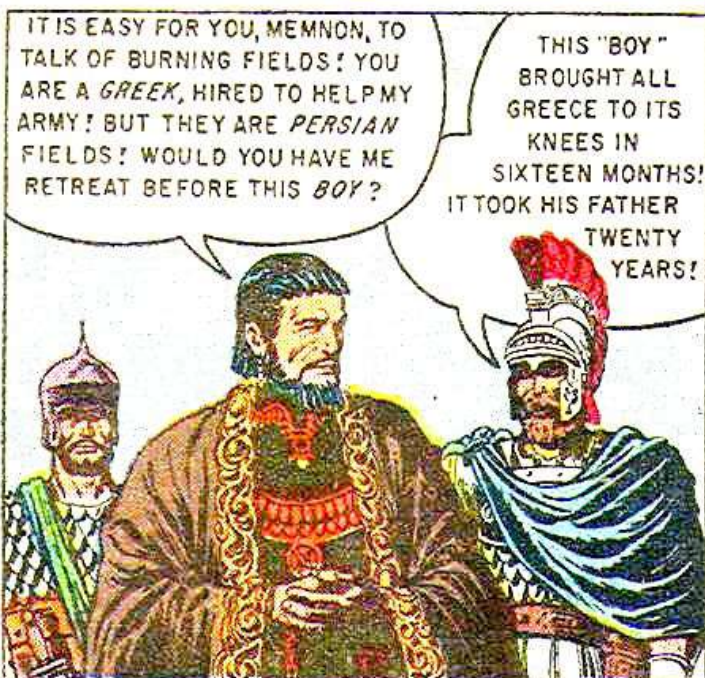
NOT ONE GREEK  
BOAT--- BUT AN  
ARMY COMES!



I NOW CLAIM THE  
WHOLE OF ASIA  
AS LAND WON BY  
THIS SPEAR!





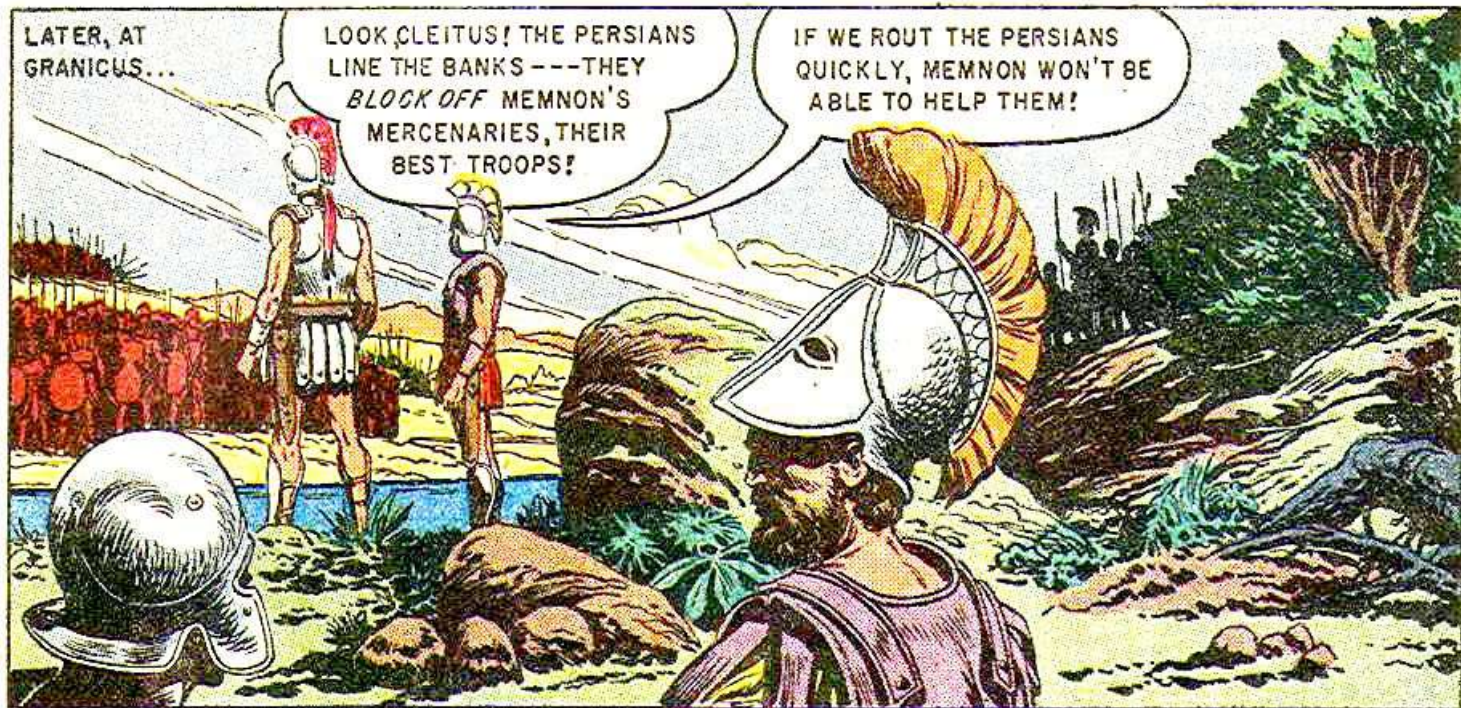




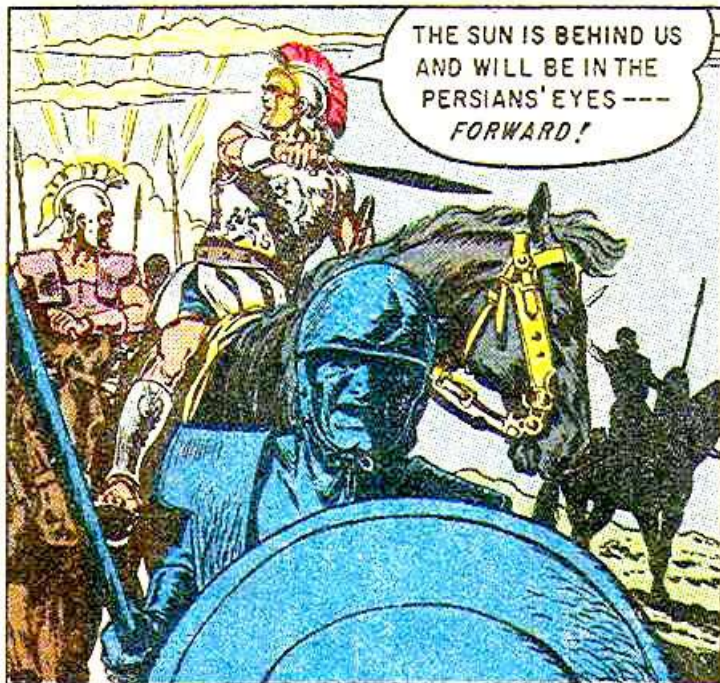
LATER, AT  
GRANICUS...

LOOK, CLEITUS! THE PERSIANS  
LINE THE BANKS --- THEY  
BLOCK OFF MEMNON'S  
MERCENARIES, THEIR  
BEST TROOPS!

IF WE ROUT THE PERSIANS  
QUICKLY, MEMNON WON'T BE  
ABLE TO HELP THEM!



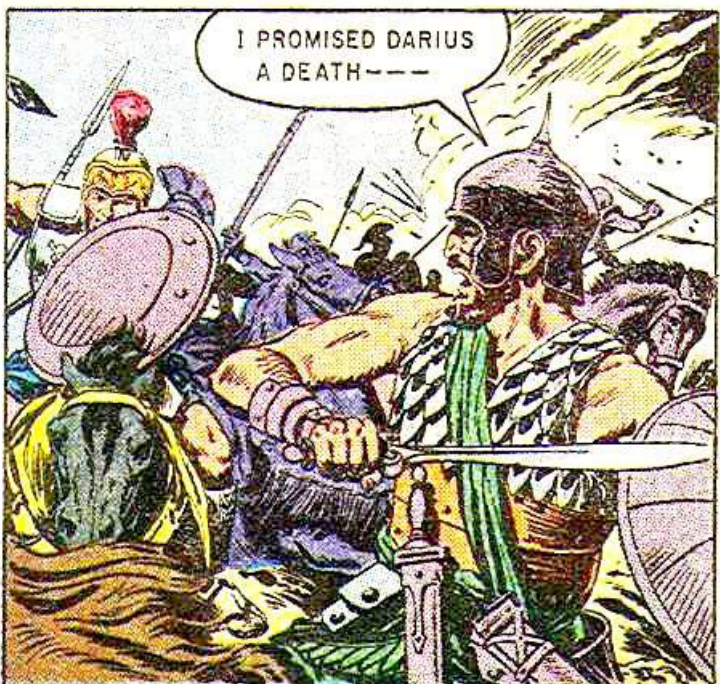
THE SUN IS BEHIND US  
AND WILL BE IN THE  
PERSIANS' EYES ---  
FORWARD!



TO THE GODS OF  
BATTLE!



I PROMISED DARIUS  
A DEATH---



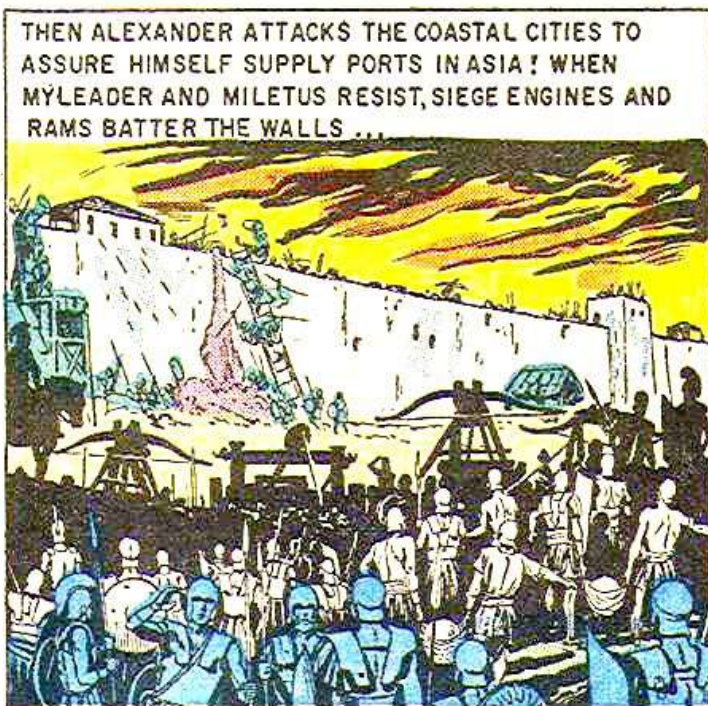








VICTORY, ALEXANDER!  
THE FIELD IS *YOURS!*



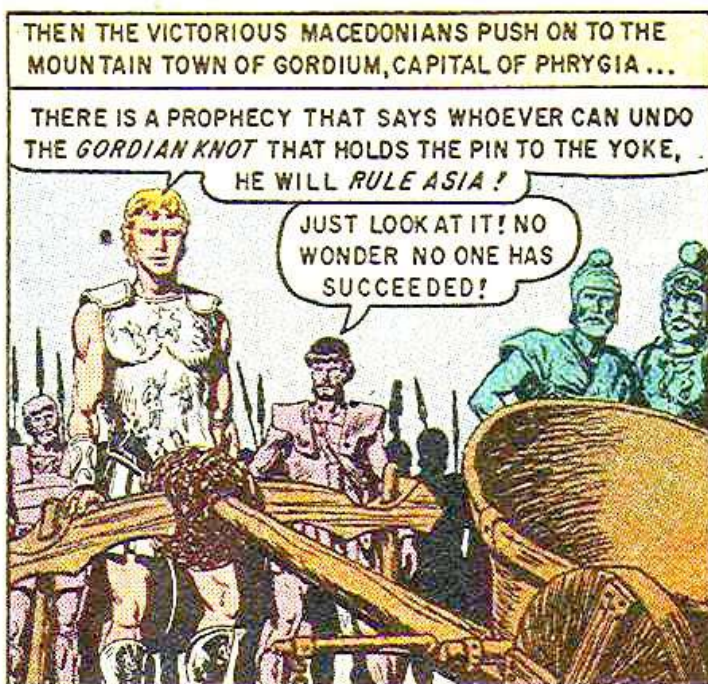
THEN ALEXANDER ATTACKS THE COASTAL CITIES TO  
ASSURE HIMSELF SUPPLY PORTS IN ASIA! WHEN  
MYLEADER AND MILETUS RESIST, SIEGE ENGINES AND  
RAMS BATTER THE WALLS ...



BUT RAGING AT  
THE DELAY,  
ALEXANDER  
LEADS THE  
WAYS ...



QUICKLY, MILETUS FALLS ...



THEN THE VICTORIOUS MACEDONIANS PUSH ON TO THE  
MOUNTAIN TOWN OF GORDIUM, CAPITAL OF PHRYGIA ...

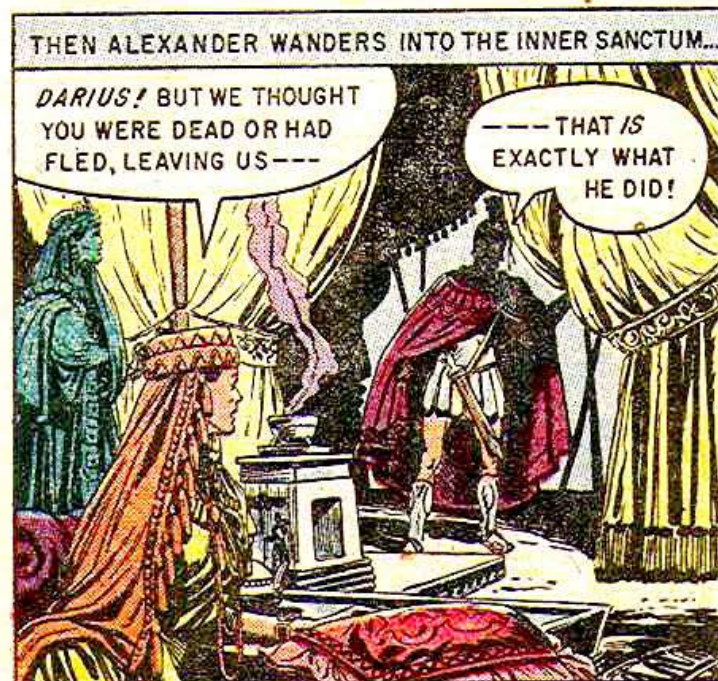
THERE IS A PROPHECY THAT SAYS WHOEVER CAN UNDO  
THE *GORDIAN KNOT* THAT HOLDS THE PIN TO THE YOKE,  
HE WILL *RULE ASIA!*

JUST LOOK AT IT! NO  
WONDER NO ONE HAS  
SUCCEEDED!





FINALLY, DARIUS TAKES THE FIELD AGAINST ALEXANDER, BUT AT ISSUS, HE IS ROUTED AND FLEES, LEAVING HIS ROYAL PAVILION TO THE MACEDONIAN VICTOR...

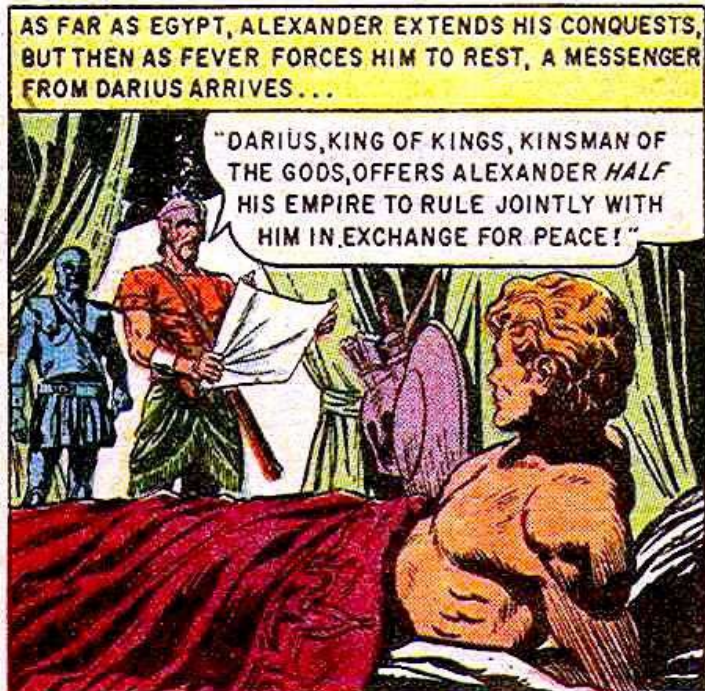






AND ROXANE--

--- YOU WILL TRAVEL WITH US! YOU WILL BE SAFEST UNDER MY PROTECTION!

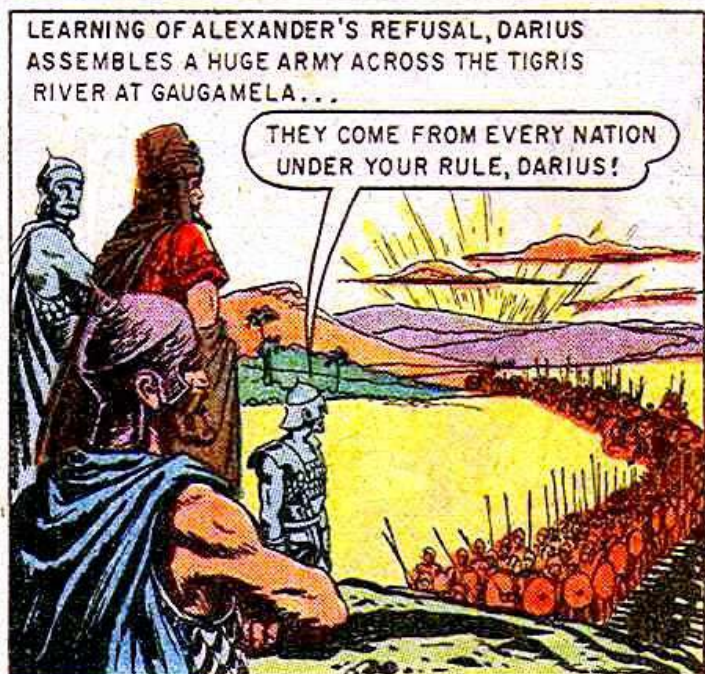


AS FAR AS EGYPT, ALEXANDER EXTENDS HIS CONQUESTS, BUT THEN AS FEVER FORCES HIM TO REST, A MESSENGER FROM DARIUS ARRIVES...

"DARIUS, KING OF KINGS, KINSMAN OF THE GODS, OFFERS ALEXANDER HALF HIS EMPIRE TO RULE JOINTLY WITH HIM IN EXCHANGE FOR PEACE!"

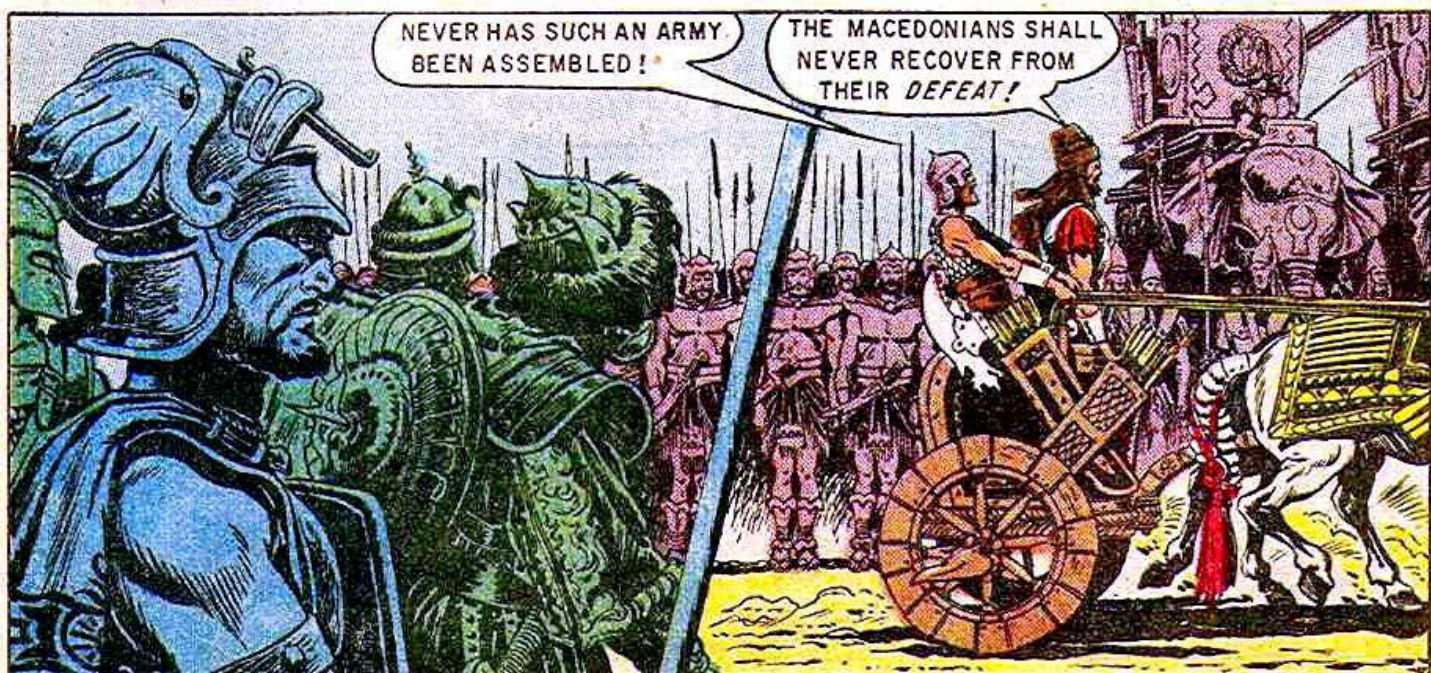


NO! --- TELL HIM HEAVEN CANNOT SUPPORT TWO SUNS, NOR EARTH TWO MASTERS!



LEARNING OF ALEXANDER'S REFUSAL, DARIUS ASSEMBLES A HUGE ARMY ACROSS THE TIGRIS RIVER AT GAUGAMELA...

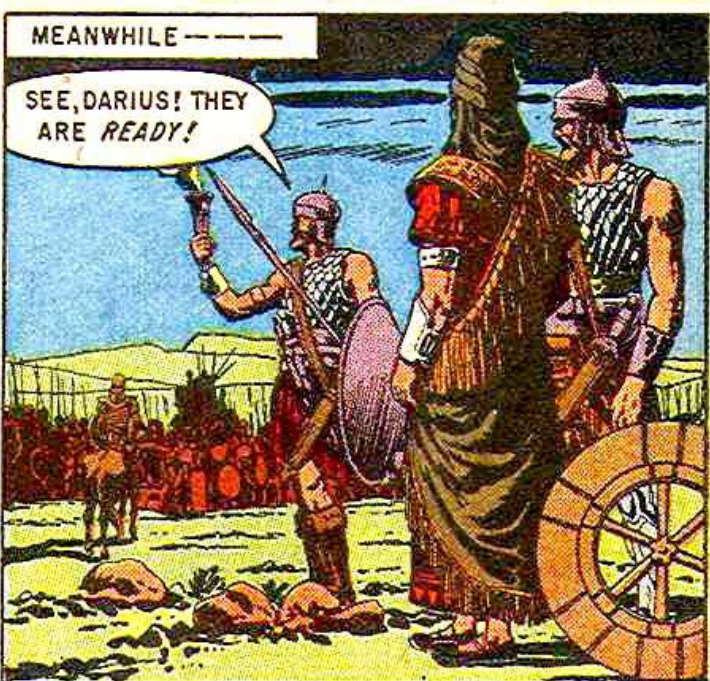
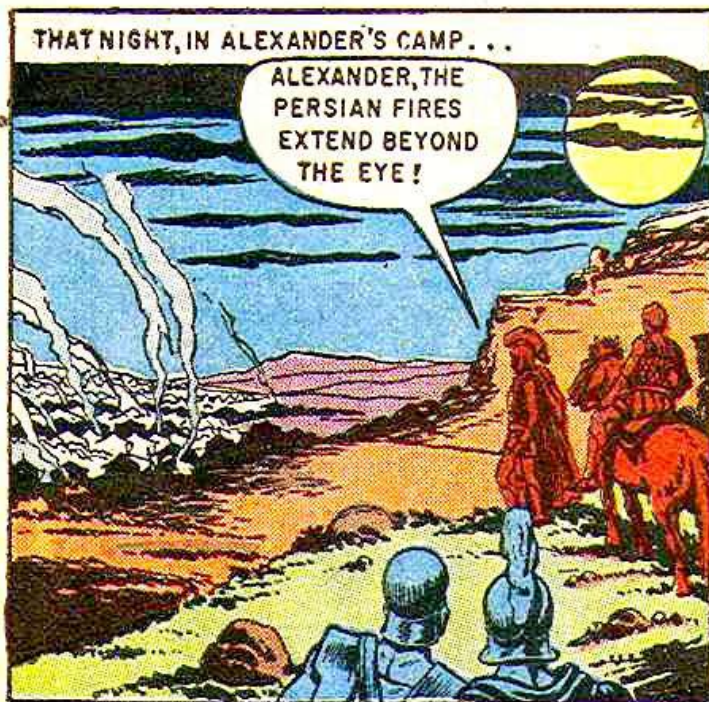
THEY COME FROM EVERY NATION UNDER YOUR RULE, DARIUS!



NEVER HAS SUCH AN ARMY BEEN ASSEMBLED!

THE MACEDONIANS SHALL NEVER RECOVER FROM THEIR DEFEAT!







DAWN--- THEIR CHARIOTS AND BEASTS WILL SLOW THEM, MACEDONIANS! DEPEND ON YOUR *SPEED* TO WIN! PROVE I AM A *GOD*, THE SON OF ZEUS, BY GIVING ME *VICTORY*!



QUICKLY, THE MACEDONIAN PHALANX CLEARS ALL BEFORE ITS SHARP PIKES...



THE ELEPHANTS ARE EASY TARGETS FOR THEIR SPEARS...

SOON PANIC SEIZES THE PERSIAN LEADER...



DARIUS FLEES!

RUN!

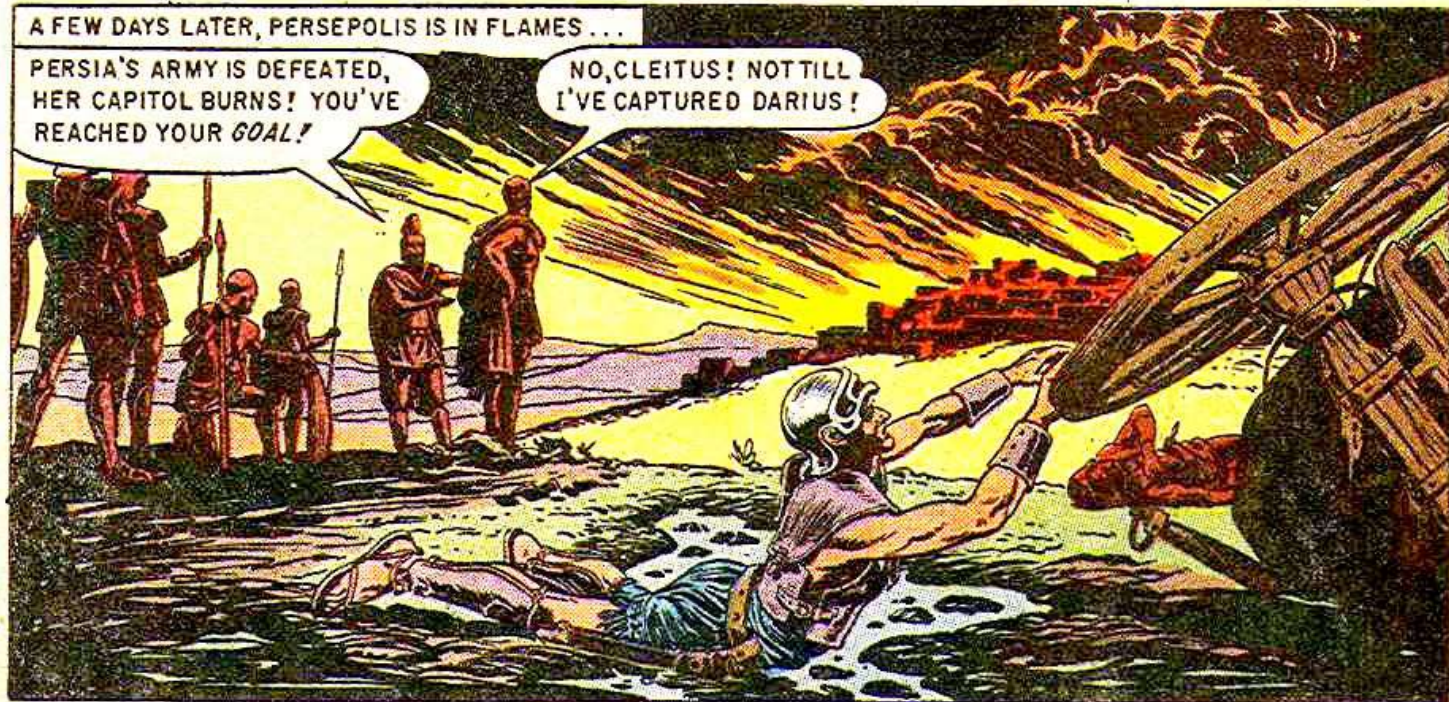




A FEW DAYS LATER, PERSEPOLIS IS IN FLAMES...

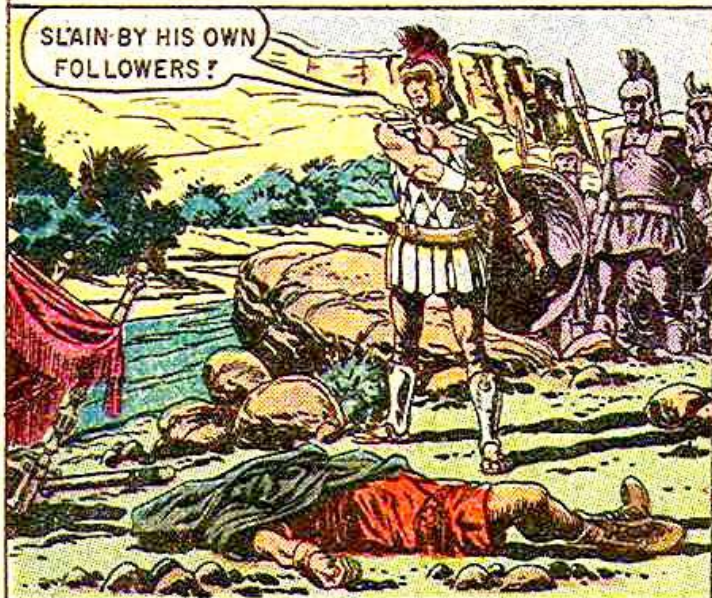
PERSIA'S ARMY IS DEFEATED,  
HER CAPITOL BURNS! YOU'VE  
REACHED YOUR GOAL!

NO, CLEITUS! NOT TILL  
I'VE CAPTURED DARIUS!



PURSUIT CONTINUES, BUT AT LAST ALEXANDER FINDS  
HIS QUARRY...

SLAIN BY HIS OWN  
FOLLOWERS!



FIND THE MURDERERS — — —  
PUNISH THEM!

THAT CAN BE DONE  
WITHOUT OUR  
PRESENCE IN ASIA!



BUT ALEXANDER LINGERS IN PERSIA, ADAPTING ITS  
WAYS...

OUR PEOPLE WORE  
SHEEPSKINS BEFORE  
YOUR FATHER UNITED  
US!

WHEN I SET  
OUT, IT WAS TO  
AVENGE  
PERSIAN  
WRONGS  
AGAINST US!

---ARISTOTLE TOLD ME WE  
GREEKS WERE THE ONLY  
CIVILIZED PEOPLE AND THE  
ONLY FIT TO RULE!



BUT TRAVELING FROM PELLA TO PERSEPOLIS HAS SHOWN  
ME THERE ARE *OTHER* LANDS AS GREAT AS OURS! EACH  
HAS SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD! TO  
UNITE THE BEST OF *MANY* NATIONS RATHER THAN TO  
IMPOSE OUR WILL ON THEM ALL IS MY AIM NOW! SO  
RATHER THAN SEEM A HOSTILE ALIEN IN PERSIA,  
I WEAR HER ROBES!





YOU HAVE EVEN LET *PERSIANS* JOIN OUR ARMY!  
I AM A GREEK AND PROUD OF IT! I WON'T BE  
TOLD ANOTHER CULTURE CAN EQUAL *OURS*---



--- THEN YOU WILL  
NOT HAVE TO *LISTEN*!

NO --- THIS IS *NOT* THE  
WAY TO MAKE THE  
CONQUERORS AND THE  
CONQUERED *FRIENDS*!



BUT *THERE* IS THE WAY! I WILL MARRY  
*ROXANE*, THE PERSIAN PRINCESS ---  
AND SO UNITE GREECE AND PERSIA!



BUT ALEXANDER DOES NOT WED ALONE! ELEVEN  
THOUSAND MACEDONIAN SOLDIERS TAKE PERSIAN  
BRIDES IN THE SAME CEREMONY...



SO *EUROPE* TOUCHES *ASIA*  
--- AND SO LET THE BEST  
OF *BOTH* BE AS *ONE*!



BUT STILL THE LURE OF CONQUEST HOLDS  
ALEXANDER IN ITS SPELL...

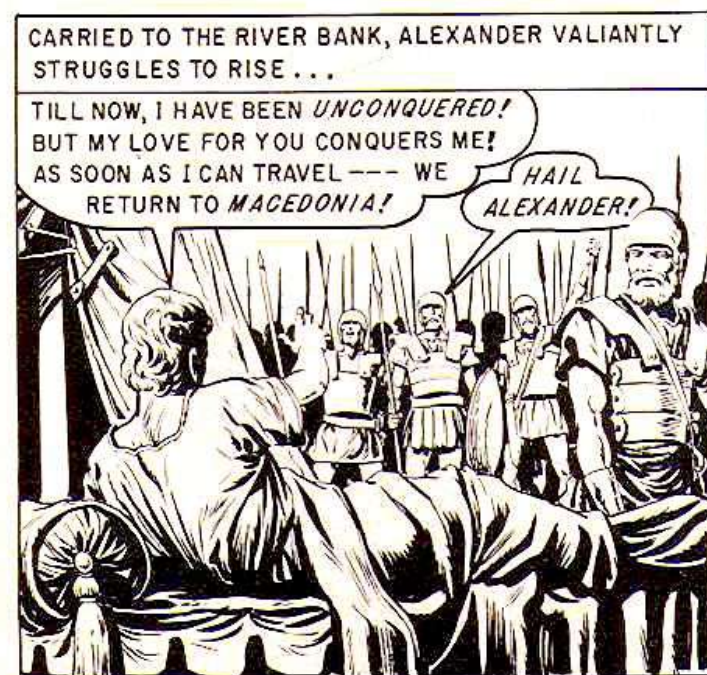
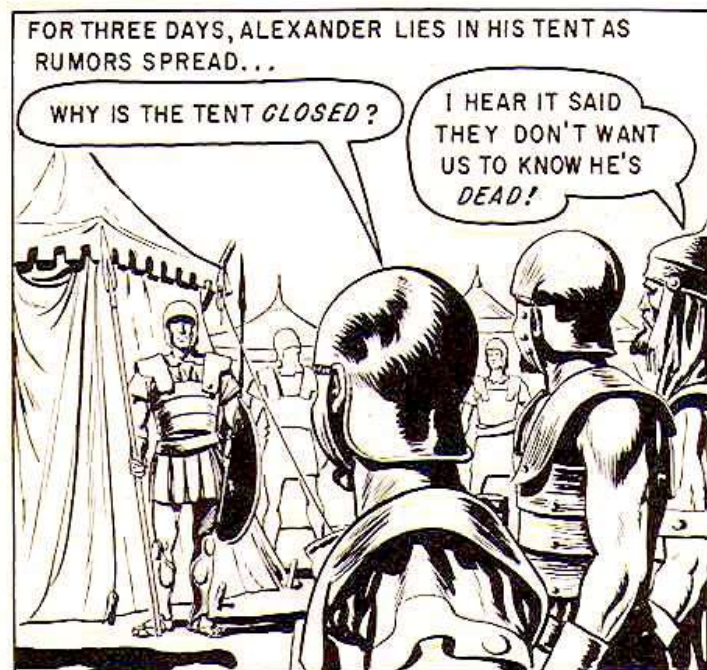


THE TROOPS ARE ALL ASKING TO GO  
*HOME* --- YET ALEXANDER STUDIES  
MAPS TO TAKE US *DEEPER* INTO *ASIA*!













AND SO THE THIRTY-THREE-YEAR-OLD VICTOR OF TWENTY-TWO BATTLES WITHOUT A SINGLE DEFEAT IS GRANTED HIS YOUTHFUL WISH-- A SHORT LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR ETERNAL FAME!

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